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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7376

BILL NUMBER: HB 1344

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mobile Camps for Railroad Employees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Tyler

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes standards for a mobile camp (camp) provided by a railroad company for maintenance of way employees. The bill requires a railroad company to provide drinking water at assembly points where at least two maintenance of way employees meet. It requires certain county or city executives other than the executive in Marion County to adopt a health ordinance pertaining to the licensing procedure and regulation of a camp. It also authorizes: (1) the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County to adopt and enforce an ordinance to license and regulate a camp; and (2) the executive board of the state department of health to adopt rules concerning a camp.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill defines a mobile camp as a temporary location where at least two maintenance-of-way employees are housed.

The bill allows the State Department of Health (ISDH) to adopt rules concerning mobile camps. The State Department of Health should be able to implement this provision within their existing level of resources.

Appropriation Background: The ISDH administrative appropriations were made from the dedicated Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for FY 2006 and FY 2007. The funding source of the FY 2008 and FY 2009 ISDH administrative appropriations will be determined by the General Assembly.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill requires a railroad company to notify the appropriate local

health department of the location of a mobile camp and to request an inspection of the mobile camp within specified time periods. The local health department is required to perform an inspection. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on the number of inspections performed by a local health department, which would be based on the frequency that mobile camps are set up in a county. Local health departments should be able to implement this provision within their existing level of resources.

Background Information: According to the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, only one railroad company in Indiana utilizes mobile camps to house its maintenance-of-way employees. It is estimated there are at least 20 to 30 locations where mobile camps are set up across the state, and depending on the types of projects undertaken at the camp locations, maintenance-of-way employees may spend between one week to a year at a site. A group of maintenance-of-way employees that remains at a location for an average of one to six weeks will usually consist of 20 to 50 employees.

Ordinance Adoption: The bill requires an appropriate county or city executive to adopt an ordinance pertaining to the licensing process and regulation of a mobile camp that is located in the jurisdiction of a local health department. Counties or cities should be able to do so within their existing level of resources.

The bill also requires the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County to adopt and enforce ordinances consistent with Indiana law and administrative rules to license and regulate a mobile camp. The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County should be able to do so within its existing level or resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health; Indiana Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties; Cities; Local health departments; Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation.

Information Sources: Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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